# Eight die in communal clashes

NEW DELHI, Jan 1: Eight people have died this week in violence resulting from Hindu-Muslim clashes in two Indian states, state radio and domestic news agencies reported on Friday.

Five people died and 50 were wounded in of Karnataka in religious clashes, All India Radio said.

The state radio said the clashes took place in the town of Suratkal, some 280kms from Bangalore.

It quoted Chief Minister J.H. Patel as saying that stringent action would be taken against those who inflamed religious passions. A curfew was imposed in the town, near Mangalore port.

Press Trust of India (PTI) said three people were stabbed to death on Thursday in Suratkal and two people had died earlier, one of them in police firing to quell Hindu-Muslim clashes sparked by a minor quarrel

In other incidents of inter-religious violence, one person was killed in police firing on Thursday at Amod town in Gujarat, officials said.—Reuters